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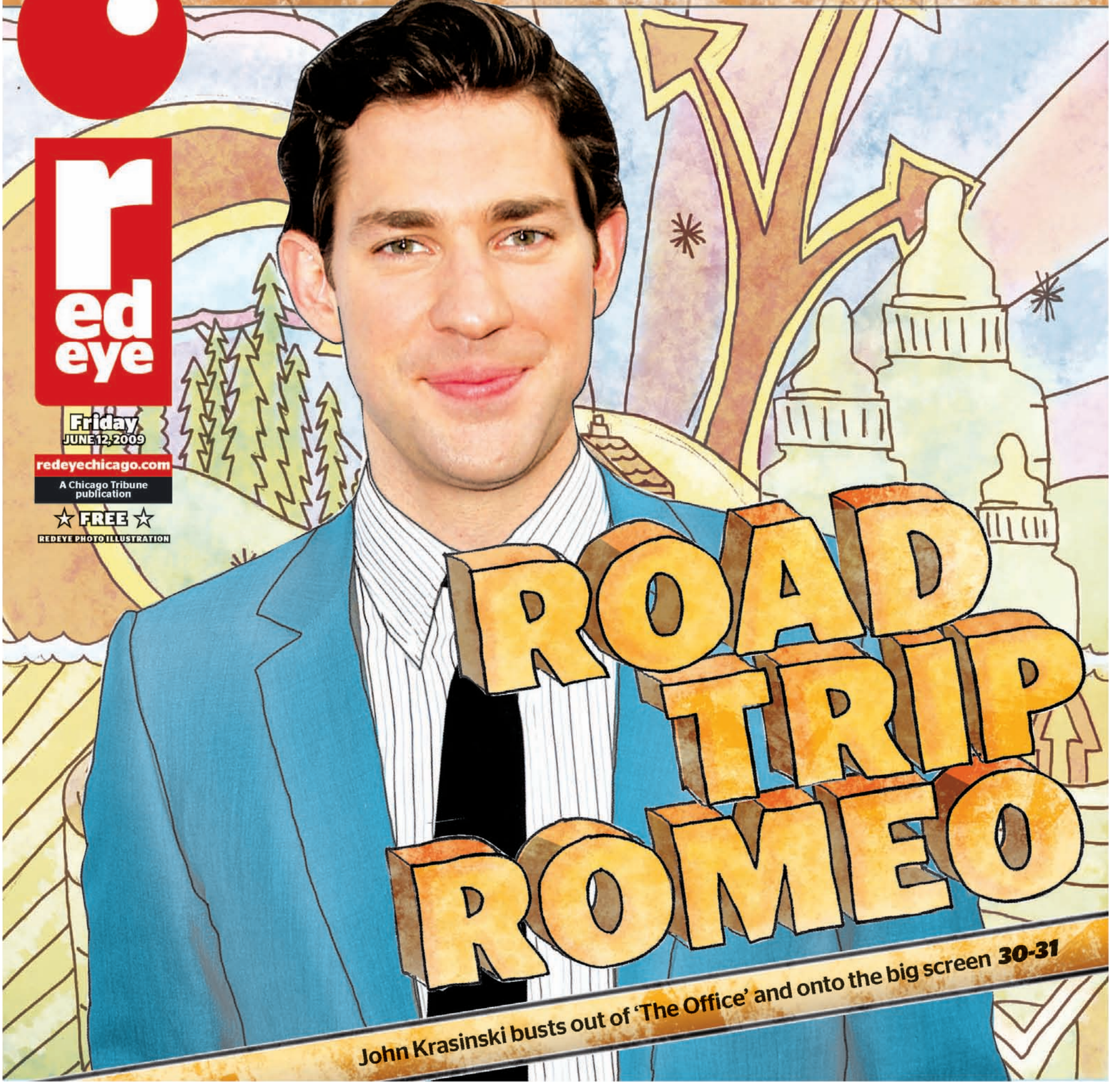

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ROAD TRIP ROMEO

John Krasinski busts out of 'The Office' and onto the big screen **30-31**

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To shop
Buy one vintage top and get the second one for $5 through Sunday at Fashion Fusion (2500 N. Halsted St.).

To watch
Enjoy free literary performances by the Anatomy Collective at 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday at Temple (1749 S. Halsted St.). Check out **underground-library.org** for information.

To drink
School's out! Teachers, you get free cocktails and 3-for-2 appetizers from 4-6 p.m. Friday at District Bar (170 W. Ontario St.). Just bring a pay stub or identification.

50 FAB FESTS

Fest-abulous!

One day, Ana Fernatt decided to tweet to us (**@redeyechicago**) that she would go to 50 Chicago festivals.

We took her seriously.

Just you try to catch up with her on **@redeyelivetweet** this weekend as she makes her way to Ribfest, Q101 Block Party, Summer Dance Festival, Chicago Blues Festival, Wells Street Art Festival, Old Town Art Fair and Andersonville Midsommarfest. (Details: **metromix.com/festivals**.)

That's right, seven festivals in one weekend. She'll be blogging at **tr.im/50fests**. So readers, it's time to get your fest on.

Analyze this

Is your office fridge the picture of healthy habits? Or is it a holding pen for expired takeout? We want to see! And our panel of experts, i.e. RedEye staffers, will try to figure out what kind of office you are. Post a pic to **twitter.com/redeyechicago** or e-mail it to us at **redeyemunchtime@gmail.com.** Then go to **tr.im/munchtime** to see our analysis. While you're there, sign up and let us know if we got it right.

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TODAY'S FORECAST
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A police investigator Thursday examines bullet strikes in a door of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. AP

Charges and questions

Alleged gunman charged in Holocaust museum shooting

Associated Press

WASHINGTON An 88-year-old white supremacist was charged with murder Thursday, a day after he left a signed anti-Semitic screed in his car outside the U.S. Holocaust Memorial and Museum, then gunned down a security guard who opened the door to let him in, officials said.

Guard Stephen Johns was shot to death Wednesday by Holocaust denier James von Brunn, who left his car outside an entrance to the museum and walked in holding a rifle at his side, District Police Chief Cathy Lanier said at a news conference.

Von Brunn started shooting immediately, exchanging fire with two other guards who shot and critically injured him, Lanier said.

In his car, officers found a notebook with a handwritten note that read, "You want my weapons — this is how you'll get them. The Holocaust is a lie. Obama was created by Jews," according to a court affidavit.

Von Brunn's .22-caliber rifle held 10 more bullets, and investigators found more in his car and at an apartment in Annapolis, Md., that he shared with son and his son's fiance. Security guards fired at von Brunn at least eight times, hitting him in the face.

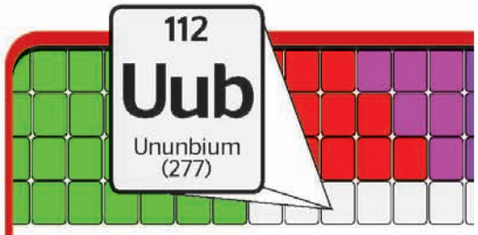
The museum remained closed Thursday and flags flew at half-staff in honor of Johns, 39, who had worked at the museum for six years. Bouquets of roses, lilies and other flowers were left outside the museum walls. The entrance where the shooting occurred still are cordoned off by police tape.

Von Brunn, who tried to kidnap members of the Federal Reserve decades ago, remained in critical condition Thursday at a Washington hospital. He was charged with murder and killing in the course of possessing a firearm at a federal facility, both capital offenses under federal law, and authorities said Thursday hate crime charges also were possible. Johns was black.

"We know what Mr. von Brunn did yesterday at the Holocaust museum. Now it's our responsibility to determine why he did it," said Joseph Persichini, assistant director of the Washington FBI field office.

AT A GLANCE

The Homeland Security Department said the shooting does not appear to have a connection to terrorism, according to a joint Homeland Security and FBI assessment, though it could be characterized as "domestic terrorism," officials say.



Twitter chemistry

You'd think based on that headline that this would be a story about making friends on Twitter.

Nope.

It's really about chemistry, and two German scientists whose discovery of a new element in 1996 finally is being officially recognized.

But this is a very special element—it's "approximately 277 times heavier than hydrogen, making it the heaviest element in the periodic table," the scientists said.

It will occupy the 112th spot on the table, and special or not, it needs a name. For now, its temporarily being called ununbium, which is Latin for "one one two."

Yawwwwnnnnn.

In the end, it will get some scientific name that no one can pronounce. But that didn't stop us from asking RedEye's Twitter followers for their suggestions. Here are some.

RedEye gets scientific all the time on Twitter at **twitter.com/redeyechicago**.

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@Fitz: Obamnium!

@SmallWaldo: iphonium. Hey, it can do everything else. :)

@WalkerRLawrence: noonecaresium

@AlliLibb: "Extreme Afterthought"

@Machrider: Impossiblium

@alexquigley: Yumyumium: the tastiest element!

@Aerocles: Twittorium

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When stars go overboard ...

I heart Will Ferrell.

The fuzzy-haired comedian had me at "SNL." "Anchorman" and "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" served to seal the deal.

Still, I couldn't watch him in "Land of the Lost" this week, especially after seeing previews of Ferrell baptizing himself in dino urine.

From all accounts, the flick appeared no more than a venue for an arrogant, clueless Ron Burgundy/Ricky Bobby prototype playing paleontologist.

And this time, America wasn't amused.

"Land" became the summer's first official box-office bomb, according to Exhibitor Relations. It doesn't take a cinematic CSI to figure out what happened here. Ferrell is suffering from Exaggerated Overexposure, a disease that can afflict any celeb or reality star.

Most rebound from EO after a brief break from the public eye. But if this condition is left untreated, these celebs could get canceled from pop culture.

Seriously, when was the last time you thought about the "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" cast, Ricky Martin or Ja Rule?

We can't let that happen to Ferrell, so here is how he—and other pop culture staples—can avoid a dangerous dance with irrelevance.

Change it up

Ferrell's "Land" flop was inevitable. You do the math. How many times could he crank out the same character in different scenarios and make box-office bank? He, and a number of other entertainers, could benefit from switching up their swagger. That means you, remaining "Hills" cast, 50 Cent and LiLo. Even Seth Rogen is one neurotic animated monster away from being, instead of telling, a joke.

Space it out

Celebs shouldn't totally vanish from the radar screen. No doubt an overextended absence played a role in the failed Fugees' reunion circa 2005. But they can't put out double albums, movies and clothing lines twice a year and think the public still is pining for them. The implosion of the Jessica Simpson reality show/commercial/cosmetics brand is a cautionary tale.

Retain some mystique

It's cool when celebs let us into their lives via social networking. Thanks, Ashton Kutcher, Hammer and Shaq for a steady stream of celebri-tweets. But like a drunk buddy on the BlackBerry at 3 a.m., stars too sometimes are guilty of TMI. It's no better if they spill their guts on talk shows or stop one too many times to chat with TMZ. Pop culture peeps don't have to show up for every interview, or reveal the contents of their fridge via Flickr to engage an audience. Celebs: Take a cue from the mysterious Johnny Depp and leave some space between you and your fan base.

TALK TO US

How can celebs best battle overexposure? Is there a star you'd like to see take a little vacay from the spotlight? Tell Kyra by sending an e-mail to **kkyles@tribune.com**. Please include your full name, age and neighborhood in case we run your comment in the paper.

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A city asks: Where's all the warmth?

Chicago Tribune

A sea of black metal chairs, stacked to the sky outside a popular outdoor dining spot, told the story better than any meteorologist. The weather has been awful as of late.

As of Thursday, precipitation had marred 8 of the last 11 days, the National Weather Service says. For May, the skies opened up on 14 days; in April, it rained 18 days.

No, it's not always like this. In place of picnics, bike rides and long lunch hours under sunny skies, outdoor waiters are missing out on tips and Little Leaguers are losing practice time.

The daily threat of precipitation has even given pause to area golfers, who normally welcome any patch of sunlight as an opportunity to hit the links.

Chicago's official rainfall is 5.36 inches above normal year-to-date, said Andy Boxell, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, and the rainy days continue a pattern that began last year.

Richard Koeneman, a meteorologist for WGN, said 2008 was the wettest year on record since 1929, as measured at Midway.

"We've been in a very wet weather pattern for about 18 months—one of the wettest periods ever in Chicago history," Koeneman said. "When a harsh winter is followed by a cool and cloudy spring, that doubles our impatience for warm weather."

Businesses that cater to al fresco dining have been suffering, as have the hearts of thousands of sun-starved Chicagoans.

"It's frustrating," said Lindsey Newman, a waitress at The Boundary in Wicker Park. Over lunchtime on Thursday, she and two other waitresses split tips from a grand total of six indoor tables.

The outdoor patio, which can seat about 50 people, was desolate. Nearby bicycle lanes were empty. A frozen yogurt shop had no takers.

The daily threat of precipitation has even given pause to area golfers, who normally welcome any patch of sunlight as an opportunity to hit the links.

Said Mike Scully, the head golf professional at Medinah Country Club: "It's just that fear, that constant doubt. Even when it's not raining, people are convinced it's going to start."

Beushausen
DAVID PIERINI/TRIBUNE

'Miracle baby' sham

'One lie led to another' for woman who duped abortion opponents with blog

Chicago Tribune

The unmarried mother's story about giving birth to a child diagnosed as terminally ill in the womb hit a major nerve on the Internet.

Every night for the last two months, thousands of abortion opponents across the nation logged on to a blog run by the suburban Chicago woman who identified herself only as "B" or "April's Mom."

People said they prayed that God would save her pregnancy. They e-mailed her photos of their children, bought campaign T-shirts, and sent letters and gifts to an Oak Lawn P.O. box in support.

As more people were drawn to her compelling tale, eager advertisers were queuing up, and established parenting Web sites that oppose abortion rights were promoting her blog—which included biblical quotes, anti-abortion messages and a soundtrack of inspirational Christian pop songs.

By Sunday night, when "April's Mom" claimed to have given birth to her "miracle baby"—blogging that April Rose had survived a home birth only to die hours later—her Web site had nearly a million hits.

BREAKING POINT

Blogger Beccah Beushausen and her father said the stress of being exposed as a fraud caused her to spend two nights recuperating in a hospital. "I couldn't handle it anymore," she said, adding she plans to write one final blog post, coming clean and apologizing to her fans.

There was only one problem with the unfolding tragedy: None of it was true.

Not the pregnancy, and not the photos posted on the blog of the supposed mother and Baby April Rose, swaddled in white blankets. The baby actually was a lifelike doll, which immediately raised the suspicion of loyal blog-followers.

"I have that exact doll in my house," said Elizabeth Russell, a dollmaker from Buffalo who had been following the blog. "As soon as I saw that picture, I knew it was a scam."

By Monday, outraged followers on dozens of Christian parenting Web sites unmasked "April's Mom" as a hoaxer, and hundreds more vented their anger.

Sensing people were close to establishing her identity, "April's Mom" on Monday raced in vain to delete her Web site and Twitter and Facebook accounts.

But it was too late. The online community found out her true identity: Beccah Beushausen, 26, a social worker from Mokena.

When reached by the Tribune on Wednesday, Beushausen admitted the hoax. "I know what I did was wrong," she said. "I've been getting hate mail. I'm sorry because people were so emotionally involved."

There's no evidence that Beushausen benefited financially in any significant way or committed any crime.

Beushausen said she really did lose a son shortly after birth in 2005. She started her blog in March to help deal with that loss and to express her strong anti-abortion views, she said. She had expected only a handful of friends to read it, but when her first post got 50 comments, she was hooked.

"I've always liked writing. It was addictive to find out I had a voice that people wanted to hear," Beushausen said.

"Soon I was getting 100,000 hits a week, and it just got out of hand," she said. "I didn't know how to stop ... one lie led to another."

Don't blink—you might miss Obama

The comfort—and relative lack of hassles—of weekends spent in or near Washington appear to be growing on the First Family.

Although President Obama is scheduled to give a speech before the American Medical Association in Chicago on Monday, he does not plan to use it as an opportunity to spend the weekend in his own Kenwood home, a White House spokesman said Thursday. The trip will mark the second time Obama has traveled here as president. Obama's previous visit as president was in mid-February. That three-night stay included a Valentine's Day dinner out with his wife, a basketball game at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, morning workouts, visits with friends and a haircut.

Kanye West performs Thursday at the Chicago Theatre during a free concert for students who improved their grades. LANE CHRISTIANSEN/TRIBUNE

Kanye: A class act

The bass boomed, sending vibrations from the floor to a sea of hands pumped toward the gilded ceiling of the Chicago Theatre.

"I go for mine, I got to shine," yelled rapper Kanye West. "Now throw your hands up in the skyyyy," a crowd of about 3,000 high school students shouted in unison.

Students from six Chicago public schools were rewarded Thursday with a free concert by West for improving their grades, attendance and behavior.

The second Stay in School benefit concert was put on by the Kanye West Foundation, established by West's mother, Donda West, in 2005. It was the first major event for the foundation since her death in 2007 and the first Chicago concert for West in more than a year.

David Abrams, a sophomore at Highland Park High School, envisioned the performance after he heard an NPR report about the mother of a failing CPS student who offered her son tickets to a Lil Wayne concert as an incentive to stay in school.

Abrams and a group of Highland Park teenagers partnered with Chicago Public Schools, the city and the West Foundation to bring his idea to fruition in about four months.

The Kanye West Foundation was established to help combat the dropout rate in schools by partnering with community organizations. Though West dropped out of college, he said staying in high school is crucial.

"It's always this looming thing that my first album was called 'The College Dropout,' which me and my mother always argued about," West said. "But it wasn't called 'The High School Dropout.' I feel like high school is a necessity. Anything that you have to pay for is your choice."

Sirott leaving NBC lineup

Bob Sirott, long expected to take over Warner Saunders' 10 p.m. weeknight anchor chair on WMAQ-Ch. 5, instead is leaving the NBC-owned station three weeks after Saunders' retirement. A veteran Chicago radio and TV personality, Sirott already had replaced Saunders as co-anchor on Channel 5's 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. newscasts and was Saunders' primary back-up at 10 p.m. alongside Allison Rosati. Sources say a clause in Sirott's current contract assured him of the 10 p.m. broadcast opening, but the added title would have come with a pay increase and the station sought to shorten the guaranteed terms in exchange.

Cop sentenced

A Chicago police officer was sentenced to almost 3½ years in prison for the videotaped beating of a man shackled to a wheelchair in 2005. William Cozzi pleaded guilty in January to a federal charge of using excessive force when he struck a combative hospital patient about a dozen times.

Popcorn shop returns

Garrett Popcorn Shop is returning to the Mag Mile. The popular shop plans to open a store at 625 N. Michigan Ave. The new shop is slated to debut this summer, the company said. In June 2008, Garrett closed its flagship store at 670 N. Michigan Ave. to make way for the Ritz Carlton Residences.

They're reunited, and it feels so good

Che, the dog who went missing from the Montrose Beach dog park, is back, and owner Rebecca Blabolil is in doggy heaven.

A crying Blabolil and Che, a 6-month-old pug-Shar-Pei mix, were reunited overnight. A West Rogers Park family found the puppy shortly after he disappeared, wandering on the outbound side of Lake Shore Drive. After seeing Che's picture on TV news Wednesday night, the Slavik family tracked down Blabolil, and met with her minutes later in a McDonald's parking lot at Devon and Ridge Avenues.

Blabolil said she gladly handed over the $2,500 reward money, stopping at an ATM machine to get the final $500.

It's likely that Che ran away on his own and wasn't dognapped as Blabolil originally reported. Che disappeared Friday from the dog park around 4:30 p.m. as Blabolil chatted with a friend.

The Slaviks said they will use the reward money to buy a second dog.

Blabolil and Che
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According to Weiland, prices are due to increase over the next several months for a variety of reasons. First, under current market conditions, there is very little new construction underway. At today's prices, developers are opting to postpone, or cancel new projects, Weiland said.

Since builders planning a new condominium development or community will take years in the making, Fresh Horizon Realty does not forecast enough new inventories to hit the market in the near future.

In addition, Weiland added, major mortgage companies as well as the federal government are rolling out programs designed to stop foreclosures, eliminating hundreds of homes that would have increased current supply.

Demand has also been pent up because buyers have been waiting for the real estate market to hit "rock bottom." As home transactions increase and homes selling at higher prices become better publicized, Weiland believes there will be a flood of consumer buyers that will jump off the fence and purchase immediately, for fearing of missing out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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But while rates and inventories are key reasons to buy, so is the offering of incentives that builders are throwing into homes currently, Weiland said.

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Pedestrians struck

1 Two men with arrest records face homicide charges in the deaths of three small children and a woman mowed down by a car driven by one of them while fleeing a robbery, officials in Philadelphia said Thursday. AP

New flu warning

The World Health Organization on Thursday raised its alert level for swine flu to Phase 6, declaring the first influenza pandemic of the 21st Century as the virus continued to spread around the globe.

Mounting violence

2 The top U.S. war zone commander says violence hit an all-time high in Afghanistan last week. Gen. David Petraeus says there's no question that security in Afghanistan has deteriorated over the last two years.

Nabbed by GPS

3 A Piscataway, N.J., man is headed to prison after a GPS system secretly installed by his suspicious wife helped convict him of intentionally running over a 12-year-old baby-sitter.

Nicotine limits

4 The Senate struck a historic blow against smoking in America on Thursday, voting overwhelmingly to give regulators new power to limit nicotine in cigarettes.

Crash clues

Air France received replacement airspeed sensors for its Airbus 330s three days before the fatal crash of Flight 447, but the airline's chief executive said Thursday in Paris that he was not convinced faulty monitors were the cause.

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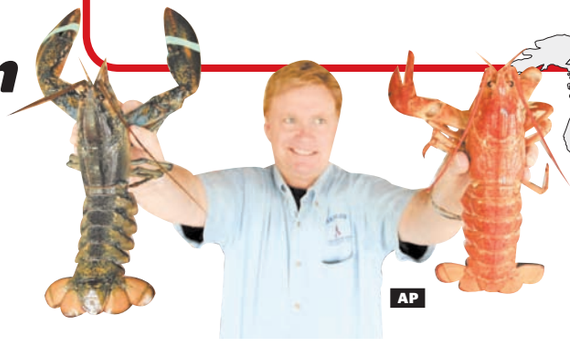
A lobster that recently was caught off Canada is a one-in-30-million yellow lobster. The color is caused by a rare genetic mutation. A friend gave it to Nathan Nickerson, who owns a restaurant on Cape Cod. He says diners will never get to "Fiona"—it would be like steaming a Rembrandt.



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Jeff and Danielle Smith and their children in a family picture that was used in an advertisement in Prague (seen below). AP

Hey! That's us!

5 **O'FALLON, Mo.** It's an international mystery: How did a Missouri family's Christmas card photo end up in the Czech Republic, splashed across a huge storefront advertisement?

Danielle Smith said Wednesday that the photo taken of her family last year got sent to family and friends, and was posted on her blog and a few social networking sites. The photo showed her and her husband Jeff holding their two young children.

About 10 days ago, one of Smith's college friends was driving through Prague when he spotted their huge smiling faces in the window of a food store. He snapped a few pictures and sent them to a flabbergasted Smith.

"It's a life-size picture in a grocery store window in Prague—my Christmas card photo!" said Smith, 36.

Mario Bertuccio, who owns the Grazie store in Prague, said the photo was from the Internet. He said he thought it was computer-generated, but when told it was a real photo—of a real family—he said he started taking steps to remove it.

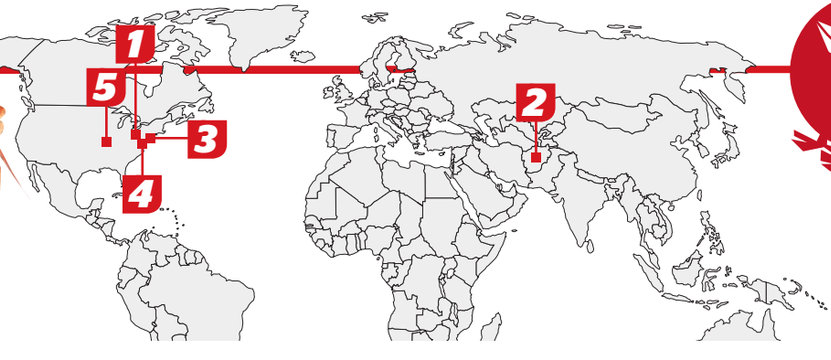
"We'll be happy to write an e-mail with our apology," said Bertuccio, who said he would send the Smiths a bottle of good wine if they lived in his country.

The Smiths and photographer Gina Kelly hadn't authorized anyone to use the pictures.

Smith has gotten 180,000 hits to her Web site since she recently posted the story about the well-traveled snapshot. She said the photo wasn't used in an unseemly manner, it was just used to tell potential shoppers about the store's delivery service.

Smith said next time she posts a photo on the Internet, she's going to lower the resolution or add an electronic watermark to make it hard to reproduce.

"This story doesn't frighten me, but the potential frightens me," Smith said.



Oy, vey!

A woman in Tel Aviv mistakenly threw out a mattress she said had almost $1 million inside, setting off a frantic search through tons of garbage at a number of landfill sites Wednesday.

So we quizzed our Twitter followers to see if they could top that, asking them to share the worst thing they've ever thrown away. Find what you're looking for 24/7 with RedEye on Twitter at **twitter.com/redeyechicago**. COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG.

@SmallWaldo
threw out the 1st tooth I lost as a kid. Mom & I had to sift through a whole trash can of *yuck* so the t. fairy could come.

@MzCatIfUPlz
i threw out a refund check from school cuz i thought it was an old piece of mail. good thing my mom checked

@arhakim
The day I moved into a new apt, I haphazardly threw out my keys (house/work/everything) as I tossed the trash down the chute.

@Mizgeorgiapeach
Sophomore year of college I accidentally threw out the remote control to my TV...took me 3 years to replace it.

@jrrtubbs
not me personally, but my dad once accidentally threw a christmas card into a fire with wrapping paper it had 500 bucks in it

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Bulls star Rose: Photo 'was meant as a joke'

Chicago Tribune

In response to a photo posted on the Internet that shows him flashing gang signs at a party during his freshman year at Memphis, Bulls guard Derrick Rose issued a statement Thursday declaring his vehement opposition to gangs.

"Recently, a photo has been circulating on the Internet which appears to depict me flashing a gang sign. This photo of me was taken at a party I attended in Memphis while I was in school there, and was meant as a joke ... a bad one, I now admit," Rose's statement said.

"I want to emphatically state, now and forever, that Derrick Rose is anti-gang, anti-drug, and anti-violence. I am not, nor have I ever been, affiliated with any gang, and I can't speak loudly enough against gang violence, and the things that gangs represent."

Earlier Thursday, a Bulls spokesman said the team was aware of the photo but was largely unconcerned, as gang affiliation and behavior didn't square with the Derrick Rose the Bulls know.

The undated photo shows him seated and displaying the "pitchforks" sign of the Gangster Disciples Nation. It is unclear whether Rose is expressing a gang affiliation or if he was just joking with his friends at the party. An unidentified man is standing behind Rose, smiling, with his own hands showing gang signs, according to a Chicago police source.

"In posing for this picture, I am guilty of being young, naive and of using extremely poor judgment," Rose's statement said. "I sincerely apologize to all my fans for my mistake."

A photograph obtained this week by the Tribune appears to depict Bulls star Derrick Rose flashing gang signs.

TROUBLING TIMES

The photo incident comes on the heels of other off-court controversies surrounding Derrick Rose.

» The Memphis Commercial Appeal reported last month that the NCAA alleged a stand-in took an SAT test for a student who played for Memphis' men's basketball team during the 2007-08 season. Several media outlets, citing sources, reported that player to be Rose.

» The NCAA also alleged Memphis improperly provided $2,260 in travel money and other benefits for an associate of a player during the same season. Yahoo! Sports reported that person to be Rose's brother, Reggie. Rose's attorney, Daniel Reidy, released a statement claiming that Rose cooperated fully with Memphis' internal investigation of the SAT allegations and the "investigation uncovered no wrongdoing on his part."

» Also last month, media outlets reported Rose benefited from a grade change during his senior season at Simeon High. A Chicago Public Schools inspector general report uncovered that four students had their grades improved for college transcript purposes, with sources saying a "D" Rose received in June 2007 had been changed to a "C."

Rose has yet to comment on any of these allegations. TRIBUNE

Baseball isn't kids' game

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Thanks for playing, the season is over.

Not that I've had a chance to look that closely, but someone is destroying the White Sox. Namely, it's the White Sox.

I thought these guys were ready to make a move when they started this homestand. Yeah, it's a move to the cellar.

I can smell the desperation.

1. Calling up Gordon Beckham. First thing is, of course, the name. Doesn't work for me. Sounds too much like either a soccer player or like one of those English rock stars or maybe an unknown on one of those talent shows. The point is, he's only here because Josh Fields isn't cutting it. So we're "rushing him."

2. Using 62-year-old Jose Contreras to stop the bleeding. As I've said before, it's over. Use Clayton Richard, he's fine for now.

Now, everyone's hurt. Quentin, Konerko, Colon.

I smell a breakup. Normally, I'd say fine, go with the kids, but you know what? The kids play like kids. Fields, we've waited three years for this? Call the Twins, I want Joe Crede back.

Brian Anderson—feel free to become a man any day now. Waiting for these guys to mature is like waiting for Gilligan to get off the island. It ain't happenin'.

To the north, not much better. Carlos Zambrano says he's done in four years. Hmm, I'll miss his 14 wins a year and his salary for 20 wins a year. I hope the Cubs can get their money back. Not sure what it is about Venezuelan ballplayers and managers, but they do seem to lack the part of the brain that says "maybe I shouldn't say that."

Anyway, I'm so fed up with baseball I'm already working on the Bears quarterback battle ... for the backup.

I'll take Caleb Hanie, no need for a veteran. Besides, with our luck, Hanie will be starting by Week 4. BAG BOY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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Cup check

ChicagoNow's Julie DiCaro goes from one disappointment (the Cubs) to another (That Guy). Read her at **chicagonow.com/blogs/league-of-her-own**.

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1 What's your prediction for Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Finals?	I predict RedEye GM Brad Moore will be crying himself to sleep. Pens 4, Red Wings 3.	Razor sales will Blossom. Hint, hint Mayim Bialik.	Their ratings won't be so hot in Chicago.	Pens win, Pens win! Ooh, scratch my back with a hacksaw!	The what? Oh ... is that still going on?
2 What would you do with the Stanley Cup if you won it?	I'd put it in the closet next to my 1999 NL MVP trophy and 2002 WNBA Rookie of the Year lingerie.	Give it to That Guy. He usually doesn't see cups that big.	I'd use it as a flower vase. Or a really big goblet!	I could use a new cup. That mixing bowl just doesn't fit right.	Two words: ultimate margarita.
3 How will Cubs fans greet the Sox's archrivals the Twins at Wrigley?	With a knowing smile and a couple of losses.	Jimmy will be excited. He rarely sees the "Twins" come out to play.	They'll be practicing their scowls for the Sox.	Double the pleasure, double the runs.	By politely declining to have an offense, as is only courteous in such situations.
4 Some say Phil Jackson is the greatest NBA coach of all time. What do you say?	I say of course he is. Nobody has won more with such different teams. But he's no Scotty Bowman.	His "talent" is just one of his mind tricks. Back to the self-help aisle, hippie.	He was the greatest when he coached the Bulls ... until Jordan left.	Some say I'm the most attractive man they've ever seen. I also say that.	Anyone who has put up with this many years of Kobe's ego probably deserves the honor.
5 Female boxing is being considered for the Olympics. Make your case for it.	Sure, as long as male synchronized swimming is added: "I know you, I know you."	Ask Hilary Swank. She convinced me she's a man. A man who invented the wheel.	I've seen Tracy take Jimmy down with her pinkie. Done and done.	Girl-on-girl action never felt so ethnically and culturally diverse.	After years of ex-boyfriends, women have far more pent-up aggression, making for a more interesting sport.

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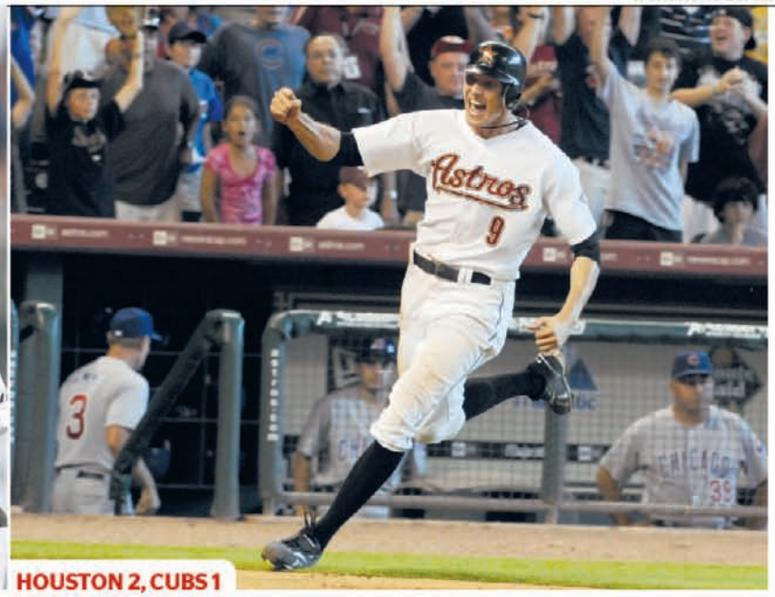
WHITE SOX 4, DETROIT 3
Scott Podsednik celebrates his game-winning RBI. AP



HOUSTON 2, CUBS 1
Hunter Pence scores on Geoff Blum's single to give the Astros the win. AP

White Sox rally, Cubs dally

Youth served the White Sox in the nick of time Thursday.

Brian Anderson and Chris Getz contributed to a ninth-inning rally that helped the Sox seize an emotional 4-3 victory over American League Central leader Detroit at U.S. Cellular Field.

This wasn't a must-win situation, but the Sox salvaged the final game of a 4-8 homestand, cut Detroit's lead to 5 1/2 games and postponed talk of a veteran housecleaning for another day.

"Had we lost that game, it would have been tough," said Anderson, who led off the ninth with a single and scored on Scott Podsednik's single with the bases loaded off Joel Zumaya.

"But getting that win was huge, it makes things better. We're all pretty pumped up right now."

In Houston, Ryan Theriot sounded like Lou Piniella on Thursday after the Cubs dropped another agonizing, extra-inning game on the final day of their three-city trip.

"I'm kind of like Lou," he said. "I don't really have an answer right now. I wish I did."

Geoff Blum's RBI single in the 13th inning gave Houston a 2-1 victory over the Cubs, sending them limping home with a 4-4 record.

In an extended rant afterward, Piniella wasn't pleased to hear his players had no answers.

"Well, they're going to have to find them," he said. "[The manager and coaches] don't play. They're going to have to find answers on the field. That's really the bottom line. Sounds cruel. Sounds harsh. But that's reality."

HOMETOWN HITS

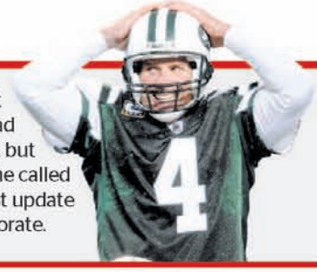
First baseman Paul Konerko might return to the White Sox's lineup as soon as Friday night, depending on the effectiveness of a pain-numbing shot administered to his ailing right thumb.

» The White Sox concluded the amateur draft Thursday with the selections of Tyler Williams and Harold Baines Jr. Williams is the son of General Manager Ken Williams. Baines is the son of Sox hitting legend and first-base coach Harold Baines.

» The Cubs went to extra innings for the fifth time in eight games. TRIBUNE

» A person familiar with the negotiations says the Houston Texans have agreed to a deal with former Bears quarterback Rex Grossman. The person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the agreement had not yet been announced, said Grossman is expected to sign after passing a physical.

» Can Brett Favre still be a great quarterback? Vikings coach Brad Childress says he doesn't know, but to "stay tuned." Childress says he called Favre last week. That's the latest update from Childress, who didn't elaborate.



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Rain ruined another day of baseball for the White Sox, but it could have been worse. At least it wasn't dog day at the Cell. Wet dog smell is an acquired taste.

Here now, my TV picks.

MLB
Cubs vs. Minnesota
1:20 p.m. WGN
Now, it's the Cubs' turn to beat up on the Twins.

MLB
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7:05 p.m. WCIU
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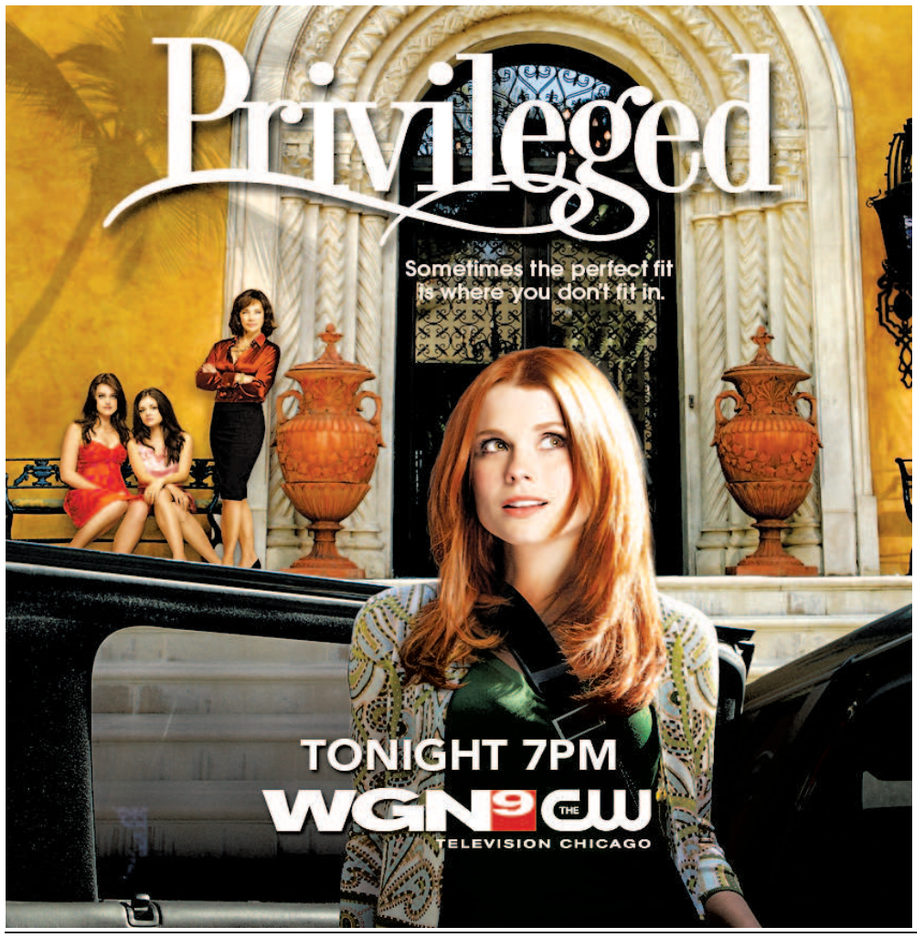

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Frasca's prosciutto pizza
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La Madia's triple pepperoni pizza
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Pie, oh pie!

Hot-outta-the-oven pizza deals

By M. Kathleen Pratt

Cheap, sharable and just as good the next morning, it's hard to think of a food more soothing in these penny-pinching times than pizza. Except, perhaps, even cheaper pizza. Save a buck (or 10) at one of these spots this summer. *Restaurants with al fresco seating denoted with sun icons.*

Frasca Pizzeria and Wine Bar
3358 N. Paulina St.
773-248-5222

The pizza: Hand-tossed 10- to 12-inchers formed from tangy beer-infused dough; the prosciutto (prosciutto, olive oil, fresh mozzarella, arugula) is a fan fave
The deal: Two-for-one pizzas on Wednesdays
You save: $10-$15 (pizzas are regularly $10-$15, the less expensive of the two you order is free)

A Mano
335 N. Dearborn St.
312-629-3500

The pizza: Wood-fired beauts with bubbly brown crust and topping combos such as fennel sausage-fingerling potatoes-arugula and prosciutto-arugula-mozzarella
The deal: $5 pizzas on Thursdays (dinner only)
You save: $7.50 (pizzas are regularly $12.50)

La Madia
59 W. Grand Ave.
312-329-0400

The pizza: Gourmet all the way, with blistered crusts and froufrou toppings such as truffle oil, house-made fennel sausage and shaved artichokes
The deal: $20 for any salad, any pizza and two cookies 9 p.m.-close daily; add two 5-ounce pours of wine for $30 altogether
You save: Varies, but if you order the top-end across the board, it adds up to nearly $10

Purgatory Pizza
3415 N. Clark St. 773-975-6677

The pizza: Flaky cracker-crust numbers borne of dough made with PBR instead of water
The deal: Two free toppings when you order a large pizza on Saturdays
You save: $4 (toppings are regularly $2 each on a large pizza)

Piece
1927 W. North Ave. 773-772-4422

The pizza: Floppy New Haven-style pies in three styles: red (sauce and mozzarella), plain (sauce, garlic and parm—no mozzarella), white (olive oil, garlic, mozzarella—no sauce)
The deal: $25 for a large pizza and a growler of beer on Sundays (carryout orders only)
You save: $7.95 (large pizzas are regularly $16.95, growlers $16)

Spacca Napoli
1769 W. Sunnyside Ave.
773-878-2420

The pizza: Authentic Neapolitan through and through, from the thin, chewy crust to the imported Italian ingredients
The deal: 15 percent off your bill Monday evenings in June from 5-9 p.m. when you bring in the printable coupon available on **spaccanapolipizzeria.com**
You save: 15 percent

Rocco's
1925 N. Lincoln Ave.
312-280-8077

The pizza: Thin-crust or double-dough available with the standard complement of toppings and then some
The deal: $5 12-inch thin-crust pizzas for service industry workers (restaurant, bar, etc., must show a valid pay stub) after 10 p.m. daily
You save: $4.95 (12-inch cheese pizzas are regularly $9.95)

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Get fired up

Pizza-philes, brace yourself for a saucy summer, because you're about to get hit with some serious pies.

First up, you've got **Mod Pizza** (1222 W. Madison St.) rolling out in the West Loop on June 24. Focused on organic ingredients and open almost around the clock, this BYOB promises killer crust and a neighborly vibe.

Mod should tide you over till midsummer; then the really big guns fire up their oven in Lincoln Park. And what an oven it is. Pizzaiola extraordinaire Nella Grassano (she used to tend the dough at Ravenswood cult fave Spacca Napoli), her husband Frank and Scott Harris of Mia Francesca are using volcanic brick imported from the Mt. Vesuvius area to construct the oven at **Nella Pizzeria Napoletana** (2423 N. Clark St.). We'd say they're reasonably confident you're going to love it, since they've already made plans for a second location (and a second brick oven). This one's set to open smack-dab in the middle of Little Italy at 1359 N. Taylor St., the space currently occupied by Northern Italian favorite La Vita.

Late-night River North revelers and Coke-and-a-slice lunchtime types, you'll get your piece of the pie too. Look for **State Street Pizza Company** (400 N. State St.), a casual spot complete with a walk-up window, to debut in late July or early August.

M. KATHLEEN PRATT/ERIN OSMON

best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
rkpalmore@tribune.com

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'We Believe'
The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. 312-462-6300.
See the premiere of this documentary detailing the Cubs' 2008 season. Includes interviews with Ernie Banks, Ryan Dempster, Derrek Lee, Billy Corgan and others. 10:30 p.m. $6-$25. Tickets: **webellevethemovie.com**

Brande Roderick
Manor, 642 N. Clark St.
312-475-1390.
The former "Baywatch" babe and 2001 Playboy Playmate of the Year celebrates her birthday (Saturday) with DJ Kid Kris. 10 p.m. $20.

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Beach Booty Beat
FREE
North Avenue Beach, 1603 N. Lake Shore Drive.
Air out your fitness routine with an hourlong cardio dance class led by instructors from Flirty Girl Fitness on the sand in front of Castaways, weather permitting. 10 a.m. Through August. 312-666-2266.

World Naked Bike Ride
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Starting location: 1077 W. Randolph St.
Cloaked in mystery—and not much more—this annual oil consumption protest travels 12-22 miles on city streets. The route is hush-hush; sign up for details: **chicagonakedride.org**. 6 p.m. meet; 9 p.m. ride.

sun 14

Chicago Air Sex Championships
Logan Square Auditorium, 2539 N. Kedzie Ave. 773-252-6179.
One-upping air guitar, this sex-sans-partner competition puts brave souls on stage to simulate the nasty for two minutes in the hopes of advancing to the championships. 8 p.m. $15; free for competitors. Signup: **chris@airsexworldchampionships.com**; tickets: **ticketweb.com**

FESTIVALS!
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FIZZ BAR & GRILL
$5 Jameson cocktails, half-price appetizers (before 8 p.m.), live music upstairs; 3220 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-6088.

HAMBURGER MARY'S
$5 Mary's Punch cocktails, $4.50 Fat Tire pints; 5400 N. Clark St. 773-784-6969.

PEOPLE LOUNGE
$5 Jager bombs, DJs Tevo and Johnny spin salsa and '80s 9 p.m. No cover; 1560 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-9339.

THE PONY
$5 bowls of homemade gumbo, $4 Heineken and Heineken Light drafts; 1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055.

Clybar and Grille
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Friday deals

ABERDEEN
$25 drink package, half-price fish tacos; 1856 W. North Ave. 773-772-5500.

CAGNEY'S
$5 Guinness and Bass drafts, $15 all-you-can-eat fish and chips; 2142 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-857-1111.

THE CHARLESTON
$3.75 Sam Adams bottles; 2076 N. Hoyne Ave. 773-489-4757.

CITIZEN BAR
6 p.m.: Summer Soiree. Includes cocktails, a Goose Island beer tasting and raffle. $40; 364 W. Erie St. 312-640-1156.

DISTRICT BAR
4 p.m.: Teacher Appreciation Party. Teachers, present a pay stub for hosted cocktails and three-for-the-price-of-two appetizers. No cover; 170 W. Ontario St. 312-337-3477.

FAT CAT
$9.95 all-you-can-eat fish fry; 4840 N. Broadway. 773-506-3100.

FINN MCCOOL'S
Complimentary wing buffet (4-7 p.m.), $3.50 beer-of-the-month drafts, $5 Bacardi bombs with Roaring Lion, $6.99 fish and chips; 15 W. Division St. 312-337-4349.

HARRY CARAY'S TAVERN
$3.50 Miller Lite drafts, $5 Stoli cocktails and bombs; 3551 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-327-7800.

HUNT CLUB
$3 chocolate-covered raspberry shots; 1100 N. State St. 312-988-7887.

INNJOY
$4 Heineken Light and Amstel Light bottles, $9.95 all-you-can-eat fish fry (5-10 p.m.), DJ Scratch-n-Sniff spins 10 p.m.; 2051 W. Division St. 773-394-2066.

LASALLE POWER CO.
$2 sliders (4-8 p.m.), $5 Skyy cocktails; 500 N. La Salle St. 312-661-1122.

THE LUCKY LADY
$5 Effen cocktails, $5 bombs, free food buffet (6-10 p.m.); 440 N. State St. 312-670-0335.

MANOR
10 p.m.: Brande Roderick appearance. The 2001 Playboy Playmate of the Year celebrates her birthday with DJ Kid Kris. $20; 642 N. Clark St. 312-475-1390.

MCFADDEN'S
$1 Dos Equis drafts, half-price quesadillas and nachos; 1206 N. State Pkwy. 312-475-9450.

MOONSHINE
$18 margarita, mojito and vodka mixer pitchers. No cover; 1824 W. Division St. 773-862-8686.

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SANGRIA RESTAURANT AND TAPAS BAR
Two-for-one tapas at the bar 5-7 p.m.; 901 W. Weed St. 312-266-1200.

THE SHRINE
9 p.m.: Honey Pot Fridays. DJ Kweston and DJ AM/PM spin in the club, Tone B Nimble spins in the lounge 9 p.m.-2 a.m. $20; 2109 S. Wabash Ave. 312-753-5700.

SIDEBAR GRILLE
Half-price appetizers (7 p.m.), $5 mind erasers and Effen black cherry cocktails, $5 Sofia champagne cans; 221 N. La Salle St. 312-739-3900.

SOIREE
$3 Corona bottles and cocktails, $5 Maker's Mark shots and Long Islands, half-price appetizers; 2438 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-477-8880.

SOPO
50 cent wings, $5 martinis and mojitos; 3418 N. Southport Ave. 773-348-0100.

SPYBAR
10 p.m.: DJ James Zabiela spins. $20; 646 N. Franklin St. 312-337-2191.

THEORY
$3.50 22-ounce Miller Lights, $6 fish tacos, $7 Belvedere you-call-its; 9 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-0004.

T'S RESTAURANT AND BAR
$7 double pints, $14 all-you-can-eat fish and chips; 5025 N. Clark St. 773-784-6000.

UNION PARK
$5 Absolut martinis, half-price entrees; 228 S. Racine Ave. 312-243-9002.

VINES ON CLARK
$3 Coors Light bottles, $6 Effen cocktails, half-price large pizzas; 3554 N. Clark St. 773-327-8572.

WELLINGTON'S TAVERN
$1 burgers, $3 Coors Light bottles, $5 Red Bull vodkas; 1300 W. Wellington Ave. 773-524-1111.

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Friday

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8 p.m. $10-$12. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

BLUES ON THE NORTH SHORE: DAVID "HONEYBOY" EDWARDS, DENNIS BINDER, JOHN PRIMER, OTHERS
8 p.m. $20-$50. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. 847-492-8860.

BOB SCHNEIDER, JASON SHANNON
9 p.m. $20. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

CLAIRE LYNCH BAND, BUBBLY CREEK
8 p.m. $16-$20. Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000.

DALE WATSON, FULTON COUNTY LINE
10 p.m. $12. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

FRANKIE NEGRON, FREDDY KENTON JR.
7:30 p.m. $25. Congress Theatre, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave. 888-512-7469.

THE GRADUATE, MATHLETES, HOTEL AHEAD
6:30 p.m. $10. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. **housecallent.com**

GRANT PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL
5:30 p.m. Free. Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. 312-742-7638.

ISIS, PELICAN, KEELHAUL
8 p.m. $15-$18. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

JONATHAN RICHMAN, VIC CHESNUTT
10 p.m. $15. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

LEZ ZEPPELIN
9 p.m. $20. LaSalle Power Co., 500 N. La Salle St. 312-226-9950.

PJ HARVEY AND JOHN PARISH, POP PARKER
7:30 p.m. $35. Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave. 773-275-6800.

PLUNKET, FIVE OH FIRST, JUST THE KID YOU WERE LOOKING FOR, THE HIGH LIFE
6 p.m. $10. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

POP EVIL, JANUS, WITHIN REASON
7:30 p.m. $10-$12. Logan Square Auditorium, 2539 N. Kedzie Ave. 773-252-6179.

Q-TIP, Z-TRIP
9 p.m. Sold out. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

THE ROSEWOOD THIEVES, EVERYTHING NOW
10 p.m. $8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

SCRATCH TRACK, JC BROOKS AND THE UPTOWN SOUND, LOWDOWN BRASS BAND
9 p.m. $7. Cubby Bear, 1059 W. Addison St. 773-327-1662.

THE SLEEPERS, INDIGNANT, DROP STEADY
9:30 p.m. $8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. **housecallent.com**

VENOM LORDS, THE NO-NO'S, DEAD FINGERS, THE PSYCHO KID
9 p.m. $7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. **mpshows.com**

Saturday

THE ACB'S, TIM STOP TRIO, JOHNNY AND ROBBIE, LUCKY JACKSON
9 p.m. $8. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

THE AGGROLITES, GREEN ROOM ROCKERS, THE VOID UNION
7 p.m. $12-$14. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. **housecallent.com**

ALICE PEACOCK, ANNE HARRIS
7 p.m. Sold out. 10 p.m. $15. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

ALL THINGS LUCID, WHERE ASTRONAUTS GO TO HIDE, LE CONCORDE
10 p.m. $8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

BODEANS
7:30 p.m. $22-$50. Ravinia Festival, 200-231 Ravinia Park Rd., Highland Park. 847-266-5100.

DECIBULLY, SPECK MOUNTAIN
8 p.m. Cover varies. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

THE DITTY BOPS
8 p.m. $16-$20. Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000.

DOUG MCCOMBS AND DAVID DANIELL, JON MUELLER'S PHYSICAL CHANGES
9 p.m. $8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

GRANT PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL
7:30 p.m. Free. Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park, 205 E. Randolph Drive. 312-742-7638.

KENNY CHESNEY, MIRANDA LAMBERT, LADY ANTEBELLUM, MONTGOMERY GENTRY, SUGARLAND
4 p.m. $20-$200. Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Drive. 312-747-1285.

LAND OF ATLANTIS
9 p.m. $8-$10. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

MATHIEN, CARMA, MER
9 p.m. $7-$8. Cubby Bear, 1059 W. Addison St. 773-327-1662.

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Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings

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11 a.m. Fri.-Sun. Free. Grant Park, 300 S. Columbus Drive. 312-744-3315.

Friday

Front Porch Stage
12 p.m.: Blues in the Schools
1:30 p.m.: Gloria Thompson Rogers
3 p.m.: Big Bill and Mud Morganfield with Pinetop Perkins and Willie "Big Eyes" Smith
5 p.m.: Andrew "Jr. Boy" Jones
6:30 p.m.: Charlie Musselwhite Band

Crossroads Stage
1 p.m.: Chicago Blues Experience featuring Vince Agwada and Russ Green
2:30 p.m.: Mary Lane's Blues All Stars
4 p.m.: Sherman Moody Thomas and the Lee's Unleaded Revue
6 p.m.: Grana' Louise

Roadhouse Stage
12:30 p.m.: Charles Wsir Johnson
2:30 p.m.: Donna Herula
4 p.m.: Remembering Robert Nighthawk
5:30 p.m.: Beginning Blue Progression Workshop
7 p.m.: East of the Edens Soul Express

Juke Joint Stage
12:30 p.m.: Eddie Taylor Jr. with Harmonica Hinds
2 p.m.: Maxwell Street Revisited: Dancin' Perkins, Iceman Robinson, Smilin' Bobby, Bobby Too Tough, Frank "Lil Sonny" Scott Jr.
3:30 p.m.: Sam Lay
5 p.m.: Fernando Jones and the Columbia College Blues Ensemble
6:30 p.m.: Festival Jam Session

Petrillo Music Shell
7 p.m.: Shirley Johnson
8:20 p.m.: Eddie C. Campbell 70th Birthday Celebration

Saturday

Front Porch Stage
12 p.m.: Earwig Record's Tribute to Sunnyland featuring Aaron Moore, Allen Batts and Dennis Binder
2 p.m.: Holle Thee Maxwell
3:30 p.m.: Ray Allison
5 p.m.: Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials
6:30 p.m.: Nolan Struck with King Edward

Crossroads Stage
12 p.m.: Lurrie Bell
1:45 p.m.: Cyrus Hayes and Lady Lee
3:30 p.m.: Travis "Moonchild" Haddix

Roadhouse Stage
12:30 p.m.: Charles Wsir Johnson
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2 p.m.: Eden Brent
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3 p.m.: Lou Pride and the Blues Disciples
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Roadhouse Stage
12:30 p.m.: Charles Wsir Johnson
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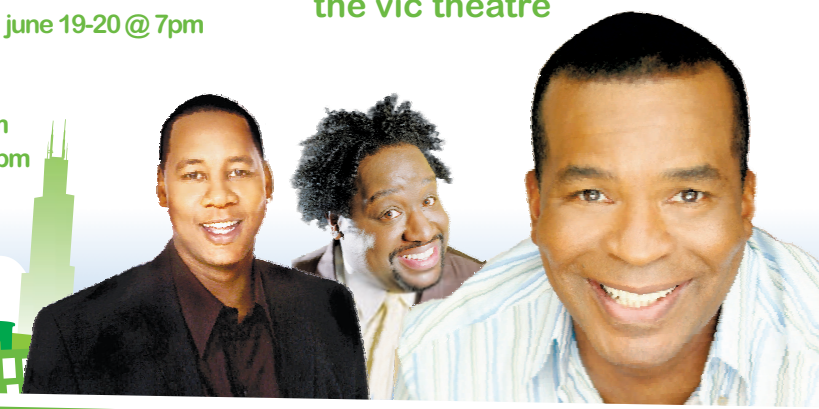

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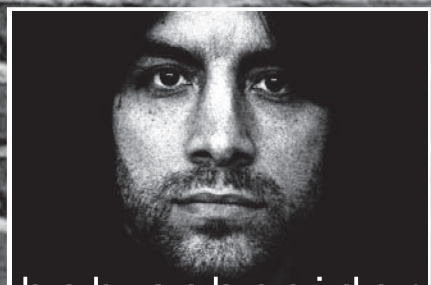

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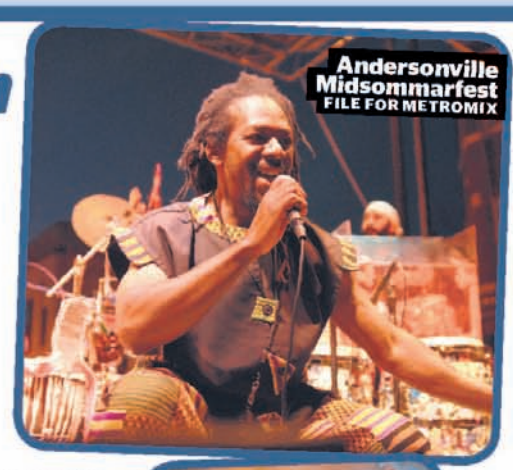
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2 pm	Al Rose
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SATURDAY

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2 pm	7th Heaven
4 pm	Chicago Samba
6 pm	**Rock Candy**
8 pm	**Mike and Joe**

SUNDAY

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The Krasinski file

BORN: Oct. 20, 1979
HEIGHT: 6 feet 3 inches
SCHOOL: Graduated with honors as a playwright from Brown University
YOU KNOW HIM AS: Jim Halpert from "The Office" (above)
MOVIES: "Monsters vs Aliens" (2009), "Leatherheads" (2008), "License to Wed" (2007), "Shrek The Third" (2007), "Dreamgirls" (2006), "Jarhead" (2005)

DID YOU KNOW THAT HE ...

» twice was featured on People's Sexiest Men Alive list?
» interned for "Late Night with Conan O'Brien"?
» grew up with "The Office" co-star and writer B.J. Novak? (They both were in little league and graduated from the same high school.)
» adapted the David Foster Wallace book "Brief Interviews with Hideous Men" for the screen, then directed and produced the film?
» writes poetry, according to his "Leatherheads" co-star, Renee Zellweger? "That man is a talent show," she told Rachael Ray in 2008.

JOHN ON CO-STAR MAYA RUDOLPH (BELOW):

"She's dangerously funny. I pray that I'm never driving with her because honestly I think I'll crash and die."

SOURCES: PEOPLE, MK, REDEYE

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"I will do any movie ever with her," John Krasinski says of his "Away We Go" co-star Maya Rudolph.

FOCUS FEATURES

'Away' he goes

'Office' star Krasinski describes road to big-screen success as 'lucky time'

By Miki Turner
FOR REDEYE

John Krasinski has left the office and is hitting the road.

Krasinski, who plays Jim Halpert on the Emmy-winning NBC sitcom "The Office," extends his movie career Friday with the opening of "Away We Go" after being hand-picked to star by its director, Sam Mendes.

"Wow, I can't even think about why it's all happening," Krasinski told RedEye during an exclusive interview in Beverly Hills. "It's a lucky time."

Krasinski stars as Burt, a shaggy, bearded man and loving husband who hasn't yet figured life out. He takes his pregnant wife, Verona (Maya Rudolph), on a road trip to find the perfect spot to rear their child and themselves. Their semi-planned journey takes them from their Colorado home to Phoenix, Tucson, Ariz., Wisconsin, Miami and Montreal, where they meet up with friends and relatives. When none of those places works out, Verona discovers that home is where her heart is.

According to Krasinski, 29, there's a little bit of Burt in everyone.

"You know at a certain age you're supposed to, like, get married, have kids and all that," he said. "I'm at the age where you kind of start thinking about that, but you're also thinking about am I ready, am I a good friend and what kind of person do I ultimately want to be? Burt is just sorting through it all."

When Mendes initially offered him the role, Krasinski was so stunned that he thought he was being punked.

"I just knew George Clooney was outside my trailer going, 'Boom—your whole career is a facade,' " he said. "I owe [Mendes] so much. The way I got the role is that way you never would believe people get the role. ... But he gave me a call when I was on the set of 'The Office' and said, 'I've got this new script and it's really great and I can't see anyone else doing it but you.' "

Krasinski credits screenwriters Dave Eggers and Vendela Vida for creating such an organically quirky character with multiple layers.

"They kept saying things like he's just a little off," he said. "I loved that because it wasn't like they were saying this is the odd character. One of the things I loved most is that I'm wearing glasses through the whole film—even when Burt was sleeping. I don't think that was the original plan, but it worked for Sam so we kept it."

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» DAVE EGGERS AND HIS WIFE, VENDELA VIDA, WON'T ADMIT 'AWAY WE GO' IS AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL. Page 35

What works well in the film is the chemistry between Krasinski and "Saturday Night Live" alum Rudolph. She, too, was handpicked by Mendes.

"The chemistry between John and Maya carries the film. They're both very inventive," Mendes said. "The spirit of the film was in their hands, and they didn't let me down. Both of them were willing to go somewhere new as actors."

Rudolph says she immediately was drawn to Krasinski's sense of humor.

"He's [bleeping] funny," she said. "He's really funny and he also happens to be incredibly sweet and gracious and totally giving. We kind of developed a second language. It was really, really easy with him. He wanted us to be good."

Both agreed that their performances were aided by mutual respect and admiration.

"I think we really like became best friends even before we started the movie—during the rehearsal period," Krasinski said. "We had known each other a little bit but had never spent any time together. I will do any movie ever with her."

With a string of successful movies such as "The Holiday" already on his resume, Krasinski very well might get that opportunity. Next up for the Ivy League graduate is an untitled Nancy Meyers romantic comedy starring Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin and Steve Martin that opens on Christmas Day. He's also trying to find distribution for an independent film he adapted and directed called "Brief Interviews with Hideous Men."

Even though his film career is taking off, Krasinski has no plans to abandon his 9-to-5 duties on "The Office." The show is about to start its fifth season.

"People are asking me when I'm going to leave 'The Office' to go into film, but you don't break out from 'The Office,' " he said. "There's no breakout role there because it's just the greatest thing to be a part of and anyone is lucky to be involved in it, especially me. Being able to play comedy and then come on this film and play a little bit of real life is awesome.

"If I can keep working on movies like this during my hiatus, that's a perfect world."

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Away We Go *(R)*

Burt (John Krasinski, below) and Verona (Maya Rudolph) travel to the various places their friends and family live in an attempt to find somewhere to plant themselves. These anxious parents-to-be soon learn everyone and everywhere else, from Phoenix to Miami to Montreal, is even more messed up than they are.

The verdict: A drama trying too hard to be a comedy, "Away We Go" wastes time with shenanigans like Maggie Gyllenhaal and Josh Hamilton as two hippie-dippie free-thinkers too stubborn to see the damage they're doing to their kid. Actually, the movie's focus on supporting goofballs (like Allison Janney's over-the-top devil-mom) means Burt and Verona often aren't active participants in the action, which grows repetitive. What lingers is Krasinski's commitment to a belief that life is meant to be fun, and Rudolph's nervous awareness that the choices parents make do, in fact, matter. MATT PAIS, REDEYE

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Rudolph knows her destiny

By Miki Turner
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Maya Rudolph played so many memorable characters during her eight years on "Saturday Night Live" that it's easy to forget she doesn't have long blond hair (Donatella Versace), a gap-toothed smile (Condoleezza Rice) or wear hip-hugging spandex (Beyonce).

In her new movie, however, the jokester doesn't hide behind any alter egos. In "Away We Go," a new romantic comedy that hits theaters Friday, Rudolph plays Verona, who takes off on a cross-country adventure with her husband Burt (John Krasinski) when they realize Colorado isn't the place they want to be any more.

Rudolph, the daughter of the late singer Minnie Riperton and songwriter/producer Dick Rudolph, sat down exclusively with RedEye in Beverly Hills to talk about her transition from "SNL" ensemble to her first lead role in a feature film. That might be a little unnerving for some, but Rudolph seems poised for her close-up.

"I'll take it, I'm not complaining," she said. "It feels good, the water feels fine. I'm doing the backstroke. I got a raft and a drink in one of those pocket things."

Rudolph's calm demeanor and her versatile talents are reasons director Sam Mendes offered her Verona, a compassionate character with quiet strength.

"She's just a delight," Mendes said of Rudolph. "She's so not what you'd expect from a comedienne. There's no visible insecurity, there's no shtick. I thought if she could bring her extraordinary sense of warmth to this project, then you're going to be great in this part."

While Verona is unsure of where she's headed, Rudolph, who was only 7 when her mother lost her battle with breast cancer, said that she's always had a sense of her destiny. After a pit stop at the University of California-Santa Cruz, where she studied photography, and another at The Groundlings boot camp in L.A. to hone her comedy skills, the self-avowed class cut-up headed to New York to fulfill her dream on "Saturday Night Live."

Rudolph still misses the experience.

"I love that show, and I have such respect and reverence for it," she said. "To be a part of that history, it's amazing."

Rudolph currently is shooting an Adam Sandler feature called "Grown Ups." She and her boyfriend, director Paul Thomas Anderson, will have their second child together later this year. Their daughter, Pearl, is 3. Rudolph says she's also trying to do revive her Prince cover band (Princess) sometime in the near future.

Rudolph (right) and Krasinski in 'Away We Go' FOCUS FEATURES

Rudolph doesn't have the amazing five-octave range that her mother had, but she can carry a tune. Her mother's legacy continues to inspire her.

"Now that I'm an adult and have had some success, what I find most influential about my mother and everything I know about her is that she was just her own person," Rudolph said. "Musically, she stayed true to her own music, and you really couldn't type or define it. She just had this unwavering confidence in what she was doing. It was so inspirational to me without me being aware of it."

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- **Land of Lost** (PG–13) 10:05,11:05,12:05,12:35,1:35,2:35,3:05, 4:05,5:20,7:05,8:10,9:40,10:45
- AMC Select **My Life-Ruins** (PG–13) 10:35,1:20,4:10,7:00,9:35
- **The Hangover** (R) 10:00,11:00,12:00,12:50,1:50,2:50,3:40,4:40, 5:40,6:30,7:30,8:30,9:20,10:20,11:20,12:00
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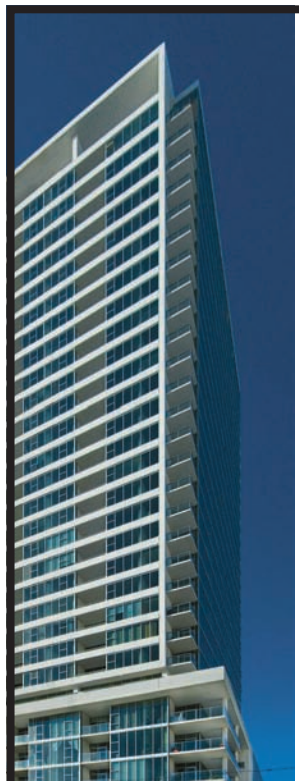

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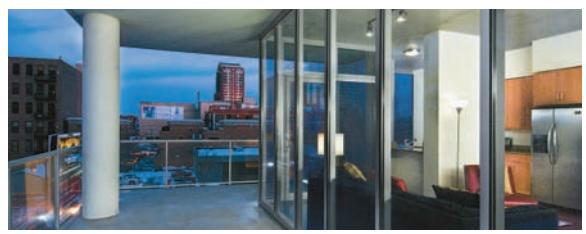

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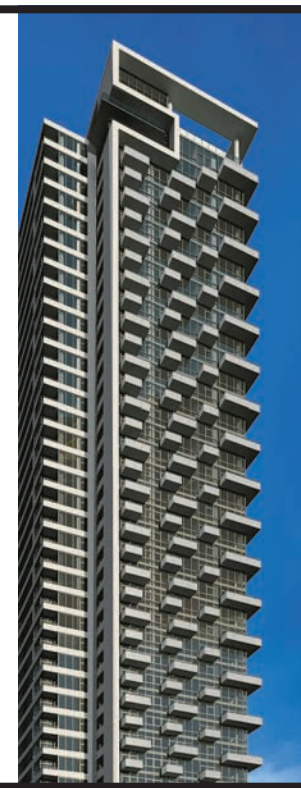

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'Away We Go' writers draw from real-life observations

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Acclaimed author Dave Eggers and his wife, Vendela Vida, were expecting their first child, and they were doing all the things that first-time parents are apt to do, reading the baby books, setting up the nursery and politely listening to heaps of advice from well-meaning friends and strangers.

"I was venturing out into the world for the first time as a pregnant woman," Vida said. "I would come home and tell Dave stories that I thought were hilarious about people telling me I couldn't get gas at the gas station if I was pregnant and [other stories] I don't even remember now."

"Every so often, one of us would say, 'Oh, that should be in a movie,' " added Eggers. And so they did what comes naturally to writer-types: They started jotting down observations, amusing phrases and snippets of conversations.

The result of those early scribblings has now become the quirky, delightful and thoroughly heartfelt film "Away We Go," directed by Sam Mendes and starring John Krasinski and Maya Rudolph; the film opens Friday.

These days, Eggers sits atop a literary empire. The 39-year-old is the famed author of "A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius," as well as five other books, founder of the McSweeney's publishing house and quarterly journal, and co-founder (with Vida) of 826 writing centers with locations across the country.

No slacker herself, the 37-year-old Vida is an accomplished author, editor and journalist in her own right, with three novels and one book of nonfiction squarely under her belt.

They live a book-driven life in San Francisco with two children. On a recent evening, the pair sat down for dinner at the Marion Street Grille in Oak Park, before an advance movie screening at a nearby theater.

Charming one moment, deflective the next, they maintained that the film isn't autobiographical, despite several similarities with their own lives. (The baby; the death of a character's parents; the name of the female lead, Verona, which sounds a lot like Vendela.) When pressed, they cracked jokes.

"We were trying to figure out what is autobiographical," Vida said.

"Vendela had a baby," said Eggers, with mock helpfulness.

"That's true," she said.

"That was torn straight from our own lives," he said.

The screenplay began as a lark, something they did on the side, Vida said, "to make each other laugh." Sitting on the couch in their living room, they imagined a couple expecting their first child and setting out on a cross-country road trip. Along the way, the wandering couple meet a series of parents, each with a different—and often amusing—approach to child rearing.

"The geographic road trip is a representation of how, when you have a kid coming, you examine everyone else's child rearing," Eggers said.

"You try to figure out what kind of parents you want to be," said Vida.

Eggers and Vida shy away from talking about their own respective writing styles. (Asked about their different approaches, Eggers joked he was the "better typist.") But they're clearly delighted with "Away We Go." They said they relished the give-and-take of moviemaking and noted that they would be open to writing another script.

But they promise they'll be writing books.

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'Left Field'
HUMBOLDT PRODUCTIONS

Left Field *(no rating)*

A group of goofballs with a similar sense of humor, fondness for drinking and no interest in competition participate in Chicago's very laid-back kickball league.

The buzz: Pegged as the official story of this unofficial league, "Left Field" is really more of a movie about a bunch of people who happen to play kickball. Rather than provide much information about the league itself, this low-budget doc instead concentrates on the wild mid-game antics (tackling, crazy rules, etc.) and the backstories of characters.

The verdict: A ramshackle movie about a seemingly ramshackle operation, "Left Field" is desperately lacking in context, providing far too few details about the league's origins and progress, the Humboldt Park neighborhood where games are often played, game-day rituals or other sports leagues around the city. That said, "Left Field" at least makes the games look like an anarchic good time, and its players come off as a likable group of misfits united by their defiantly non-conformist desire to carve their own niche everywhere—at bars, art studios or kickball fields.

Tulpan *(no rating)*

Former sailor and aspiring herdsman Asa (Askhat Kuchencherekov) can't get his own flock until he gets married, and there's an alarming shortage of women to wed. So he continually tries to win the hand of the only available option, Tulpan, while also helping his brother-in-law with sheep, camels and newborn lambs.

The verdict: A microcosm of life's constant roadblocks to success, "Tulpan" focuses on a dreamer who just wants a good job and a woman who needs him, but can't change what he can't change. The movie, gorgeously shot and spellbindingly patient, also achieves a documentary-level realism that is nothing short of amazing.

'Tulpan'
ZEITGEIST FILMS

We Believe

(no rating)

"We Believe" toasts the ups and downs of being a Cub fan without the necessary fire for this storied franchise and its long-suffering supporters.

The verdict: John Scheinfeld's documentary interviews all the right people (die-hard fans, current and former players, Chicago native celebs like Mike Wilbon and Jeff Garlin), touches on some history from a distance and focuses around the 2008 season, calmly chronicling without bringing much to life. Fans may learn something about the team (like the backstory for the namesake of Merkle's on Clark), and "We Believe" certainly has its heart in the right place. But both Chicago and the Cubs are presented with a glossy sheen of admiration that doesn't feel complete. A film like this can't just preach to the frustrated, devoted choir; it's gotta cheer, yell and scream with them, losing its voice while still speaking the truth.

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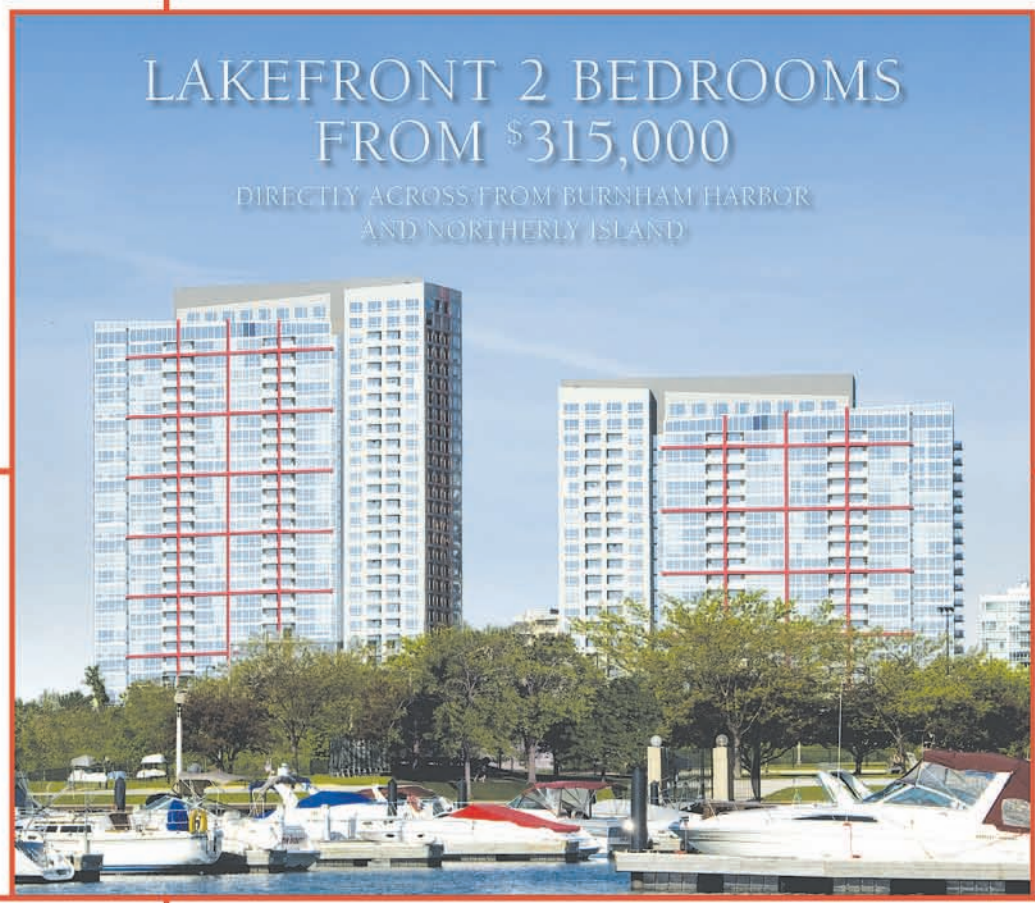

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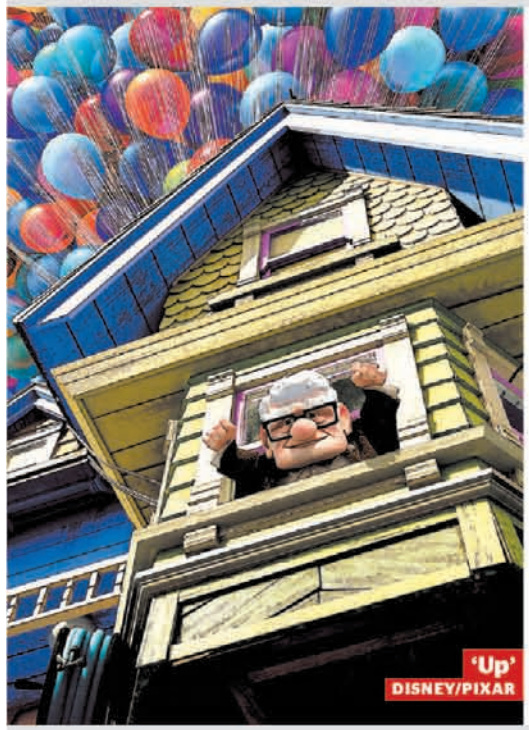

'Up' DISNEY/PIXAR

UP

@david spikings: saw UP in 3D not just for kids or any old Disney Pixar predictable movie. This one makes you laugh, cry and cheer! Loved it!

@DTsupra30: Was one of the better films i've seem this year. I laughed and cried and everything in between

@JenniJohnson: Emotional masterpiece filled with love, laughing and hope.

@beckminster12: Is not as good as Wall-e, but I'm impressed that Pixar doesn't shy away from deeper themes in their movies.

@jakepotashnick: One word comes to mind. Wow. Its the subtle details that make the animation so amazing, like stubble growing on his chin.

@Mizgeorgiapeach: Pixar has done it again. Heartfelt and funny, this movie is great for ALL ages!

@bigpix2000: Excellent. Instant new classic!

@carrionfair: pixar fan-> "up" is hilarious!

DRAG ME TO HELL

@BVAX: Made me forget about Spiderman 3. Sam Raimi is back!!

@pilsenite: although i don't decline loans myself, i will think twice before denying a reversal of overdraft fees

THE HANGOVER

@Vic773: The Hangover was funny. The characters were interesting and familiar in an exaggerated way. Full of laughs and cameos. I like!

@schroed149: Good "guy" movie but left a lot to be desired. Funniest action during closing credits. "Bruno" trailer great!

@joeykirk: 'The Hangover' was brilliant. So happy they made a film about the aftermath of a bachelor party gone wrong, but oh sooo good.

@ChrisHaran: Hangover almost made me lose control of my bowels. Could've done without the last three pictures in the credits slideshow.

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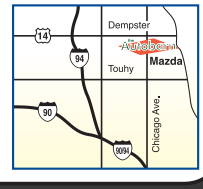

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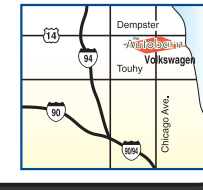

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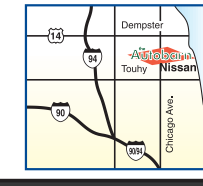

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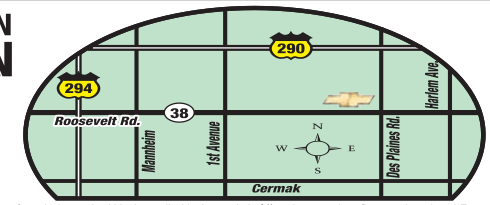

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ALBUM

'The Ecstatic'

Mos Def

"The Ecstatic" mostly lives up to its giddy name with Bollywood-style samples and off-kilter production from Stones Throw stars Madlib and his brother Oh No and the late J Dilla. "The Ecstatic" flags in spots, and the album's tricky samples take a while to absorb. But the 16-song collection offers proof that Mos Def still can be invigorated from a tight beat as much as a tightly written script. MARGARET WAPPLER, L.A. TIMES

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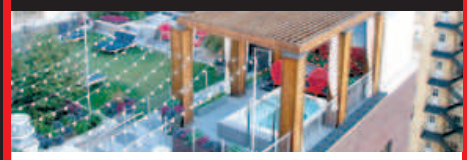

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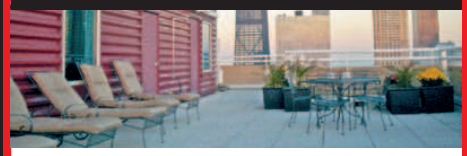

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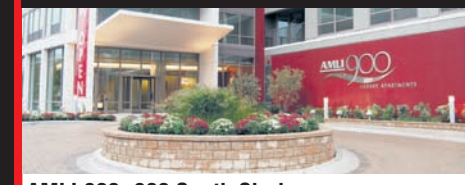

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The not list

What isn't going on right now in pop culture?

Keeping track of the celebrity and entertainment worlds can be exhausting. What's going on with "Jon & Kate"? Why is Kathy Griffin talking about Oprah again? And who the heck is Selena Gomez dating these days? It's enough to make your head spin. For once, let's take a look at what *isn't* happening this very moment.

Rihanna is not partying with Chris Brown

The "Umbrella" singer, who has been subpoenaed to testify against Chris Brown on allegations he assaulted her, was spotted this week hanging out with a new guy. People magazine reports Rihanna was seen Wednesday partying with friends including Aubrey "Drake" Graham, the guy to whom she has been linked recently. According to "Access Hollywood" and **etonline.com**, she and Brown went to Game 4 of the NBA finals Thursday but didn't sit together.

REDEYE'S TAKE: Can we please wait until one scandal unfolds before starting another one? Please?

Bret Michaels' rep is not happy

On Thursday, the "Rock of Love" star released photos of injuries he sustained Sunday at the Tony Awards after he reportedly was hit in the face by a set piece. His rep also fired off a statement, obtained by Us Weekly, saying she was not happy with the response to the injury and suggesting Tony Awards backers would have issued a statement of concern if "this incident happened to Liza Minnelli, Dolly Parton or Elton John."

REDEYE'S TAKE: You wouldn't be happy either if the bulk of your day was spent reviewing old "Rock of Love" tape.

Sarah Palin is not visiting 'Letterman' any time soon

On Wednesday, after he addressed the controversy over jokes he told about Sarah Palin and her family, David Letterman invited the Alaska governor to visit his show. On Thursday, a rep for the family said, "The Palins have no intention of providing a ratings boost for David Letterman by appearing on his show."

REDEYE'S TAKE: Nice to see both parties taking the high road on this one. Oh, wait.

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David Beckham is not wearing pants

The soccer stud appears nearly naked in a new Emporio Armani ad that debuted Thursday in London. A not-too-shabby crowd was photographed outside the Selfridges department store, where the ad covered the building's whole side.

REDEYE'S TAKE: Ooo! Another half-naked Beckham ad. Whoop. Dee. Doo.

THE QUICK & DIRTY

- « Heidi Montag plans to pose for Playboy
- » Malawi court set to rule on Madonna adoption case
- » Expert: David Carradine didn't kill self
- » "My Name is Earl" still canceled
- » "Real Housewives' " Jacqueline Laurita has baby boy
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Lambert and Allen
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Reynolds, Bullock dish

Reynolds and Bullock
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Ryan Reynolds is telling all about his "Proposal" co-star Sandra Bullock. "She's a catalog of old hip-hop tunes—it's incredible," Reynolds said, according to People. "And she looks terrific naked." But there's no jealousy here. The longtime friends and their spouses (Scarlett Johansson and Jesse James) are close and have even vacationed together, People reports. On how fame has changed Reynolds, Bullock quipped: "He could've become an ass----. But not a damn thing has changed, other than that his bikes get more expensive."

THE VELVET ROPE

Role models

Don't call Megan Fox the next Angelina Jolie. "It's a lack of creativity on the media's part," the "Transformers" star tells the upcoming issue of Entertainment Weekly. "Because I have tattoos and dark hair and I was in an action movie?" She adds: "I'm not the next anyone." Fox says she'd be embarrassed to meet Jolie because, "I'm sure she has no idea who I am. But if I were her, I'd be like, 'Who the [bleep] is this little ... brat ... that's going to be the next me?' "

Meet Chaz Bono

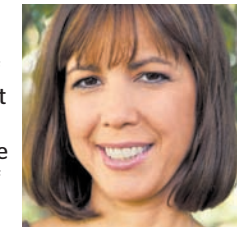
Chastity Bono will soon be known as Chaz Bono. The 40-year-old writer, activist and reality-TV star (and daughter of Sonny and Cher) is having a sex change to become a man, The Associated Press reports. The sex-change process began earlier this year, according to Bono's publicist, Howard Bragman. Bono came out 20 years ago.

More Auto-Tune, please?

T-Pain

T-Pain ain't afraid of no Auto-Tune backlash. Who cares what Jay-Z says? In the wake of Jay's new song, "D.O.A." (Death of Auto-Tune, which takes a swipe at the popular vocal enhancement technology), T-Pain is firing back. "I was gonna chill, because it was so many people that do what I do—now Jay-Z done dropped the 'Death of Auto-Tune' and it's time for me to come back," T-Pain tells MTV of his new album, called "Uber." Mary J. Blige, who uses Auto-Tune on her new single, "The One," is indifferent to the debate: "To each his own," she tells MTV.

Online reunion



Patti Blagojevich

The latest in "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!" in case you weren't wondering: G-Rod finally got some face time on the NBC reality show—even if it was via Skype. In a virtual reunion in Thursday's episode, Patti Blagojevich chatted with husband Rod and the couple's two daughters on a video call. "We miss you and we're proud of you," Rod told Patti. And ... Daniel Baldwin got the boot.

THE DIGIT

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July marks the 25th anniversary of Prince's "Purple Rain"; to mark the occasion Spin magazine's July issue will include a comprehensive oral history of the film and album and a free downloadable tribute that features nine bands doing song-for-song covers of the record's classic tracks, Reuters reports.